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SUBJ: DAYAN ADDRESS ON DISENGAGEMENT

1. DEFMIN DAYAN, SPEAKING IN ENGLISH AT ISRAEL BONDS
CONFERENCE JANUARY 31, DISCUSSED IMPLEMENTATION OF DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT AND HIS EXPECTATIONS FOR FUTURE. MAIN POINTS AS
REPORTED JERUSALEM POST (OFFICIAL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE) ARE
SUMMARIZED BELOW.

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2. IT WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE ON MONDAY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER EGYPTIANS WERE REALLY FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. BY THEN, PHASE A OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE COMPLETED, INVOLVING EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT TO THIN OUT THIRD ARMY. ON MONDAY, UN WOULD START INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING BACK TO JERUSALEM IN KEEPING WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT THAT STIPULATE UN SUPERVISION AT END OF EACH PHASE.

3. DAYAN SAID THAT ON BASIS OF WHAT HE HAD READ AND HEARD OF EGYPTIAN WISHES TO IMPLEMENT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, REHABILITATE CANAL AND REPOPULATE ITS TOWNS-- "THEY MEAN BUSINESS." THEY WOULD PRESENT IT AS A GREAT VICTORY, "TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED."

4. ON NEXT STEPS, DAYAN SAID THAT ONCE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WAS IMPLEMENTED AND SUCH OF ITS CLAUSES AS RE-OPENING CANAL ARE TESTED, THEN ISRAEL SHOULD ENTER NEGOTIATIONS FOR PERMANENT PEACE TREATY. ISRAEL NEEDED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH ARAB STATES, WHETHER IN GENEVA, KILOMETRE 101, WASHINGTON OR ELSEWHERE. THIS AGREEMENT COULD BE PERMANENT, OR INTERIM CEASEFIRE OR "ANY STEP LEADING FROM WAR TOWARD PEACE." DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT WAS AN EXAMPLE OF A FIRST STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. ISRAEL WAS PULLING BACK BECAUSE IT HAD NO INTEREST IN REMAINING INSIDE EGYPT. NEW LINE WOULD PROVIDE GOOD DEFENSE. IT WAS FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM CANAL TO ENABLE EGYPTIANS TO REHABILITATE CANAL ZONE. "THE NEW LINE IS DEFINITELY NOT THE FINAL ONE BETWEEN US AND EGYPT," AND ISRAEL WOULD SEEK TO NEGOTIATE PERMANENT BOUNDARY WITH EGYPT ONLY AFTER ASCERTAINING THAT DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

5. ON NEGOTIATING PRIORITIES, DAYAN SAID THAT EGYPT WAS FIRST "AND I AM GLAD IT CAME FIRST" BECAUSE OF ITS PRIMACY IN ARAB WORLD. NEXT CAME SYRIA, AND ONLY AFTER "AT LEAST A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT" WAS REACHED WITH SYRIA WOULD ISRAEL TURN ITS ATTENTION TO TALKS WITH JORDAN AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

6. ON SYRIA, DAYAN SAID, "WE HAVE NO INTEREST REMAINING NEAR DAMASCUS BECAUSE THIS WILL NEITHER END THE WAR NOR IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SYRIA." IN NONE TOO DISTANT FUTURE, SYRIA
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WOUD AGREE TO DISENGAGEMENT TALKS "FOR WE SIT NEAR DAMASCUS, THEY DO NOT SIT NEAR TEL AVIV OR JERUSALEM. SO SOONER OR LATER THEY WILL KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM, AND I THINK THEY WILL LEARN IT, AND OPEN TALKS." HE TRUSTED THAT EVENTUAL STABLE LINE WOULD ENABLE ISRAEL TO SAFEGUARD CEASE-FIRE WITH SYRIA.

7. DAYAN SAID THAT THERE WAS LESS URGENCY FOR PARALLEL AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN. ISRAEL LIVED IN PEACE WITH PALESTINIANS ON WEST BANK.

JORDAN AND NOT THE PALESTINIANS ATTEND THE GENEVA CONFERENCE,
AND IT WOULD BE WITH JORDAN THAT ISRAEL WOULD NEGOTIATE WHEN TIME
ARRIVES.

8. ON ARMS SUPPLY, SITUATION AFTER LIFTING OF BRITISH EMBARGO,
DAYAN SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS NOT INTERESTED IN BEING INDEPENDENT OF
AMERICAN ARMS SUPPLIES, NOR DID ISRAEL WANT US TO DIRECT IT TO
BRITISH SUPPLY SOURCES, "FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM CANNOT REPLACE
US IN THIS RESPECT." AS TO ISRAEL EMPLOYMENT OF MODERN
WEAPONRY, MR DAYAN NOTED THAT IDF FIGHTER PILOTS' RECORD IN
AIR BATTLES IN YOM KIPPUR WAR WAS RATIO OF ONE TO 55 ARAB
LOSSES.

9. IN SUMMING UP RESULTS OF LAST WAR, DAYAN SAID "WE LOST ONE
BATTLE, THE EGYPTIANS LOST ONE BATTLE AND WE WON THE WAR." THE
SYRIANS FAILED IN THEIR MILITARY AND POLITICAL WAR AIMS.
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